

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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**REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Communication (Election Requirement) dated March 3, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Reply. Also submitted herewith is a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response to May 3, 2008.